

State Capitol News —

## Senator Nelson Hopes State Sales, Income Taxes Can Be Avoided Next Session

LINCOLN—Roads, schools and budgets, the perennial three-headed monster which haunts the dreams of legislators, will rise up before the 1951 Nebraska unicameral, bigger and more terrifying than ever.

Since the 1949 road revenue acts were repealed in last month's general election referendum, there have been numerous suggestions for raising more money for roads. These include a sales tax, a ton-mile levy against trucks and buses, and Sen. Hugh Carson's controversial plan for putting the state in the wholesale liquor business and using the profits to build roads.

But if there's a sales tax, school groups want 70 percent of it for a 12-million-dollar-a-year state aid to education program. That wouldn't leave much to build roads with. But even persons prominent in the Nebraska State Education Association's drive to get the state aid bill passed will tell you confidentially that this isn't the year.

And then there are the record budget requests from state agencies, topped by that of the University of Nebraska which wants 75 percent more from tax funds to operate the institution during the next biennium.

Some of the men elected to the legislature are wondering whether they were luckier than their opponents.

The Associated Press polled several senators on budget problems. Several expressed determination to hold down appropriations because of the added burden of federal taxes to carry the defense effort. But if a broader tax base becomes necessary, the AP found, the lawmakers appear to prefer a sales tax.

Sen. Glenn Cramer, of Albion, declared:

"With the federal debt what it is and the promise of higher and higher federal taxes, it seems to me that it is going to be necessary for the state and local taxing agencies to exercise every precaution against unnecessary use of public funds."

"However," Cramer added, "I believe members of the legislature should face spending problems realistically and with firm determination to do what is right by all concerned, including the people who do the paying."

Sen. Frank Nelson, of O'Neill, said he intends to work "for reasonable economy in our

state and local government. If there are departments that are not efficient, they should be corrected if possible," Nelson said.

He added he hoped it would be possible to avoid both the sales and income tax at this session.

Sen. O. H. Person, of Wahoo, commented along the same line. Of the problems coming up at the 1951 session, Person observed:

"If the people insist upon more and more services from the state, there can be only one answer—a sales tax or income tax, and in the end, both."

Sen. C. R. Lindgren, of Campbell, said, "The additional cost of operations our state institutions will have to be met where it is proven that it is necessary as we all know that prices are continuing to rise so that it is an impossibility to hold the operating expense to the former level."

Sen. Charles Tvrdik, of Omaha, said the only "remedy" is "to get down to sane, sensible living and stay within the paying ability of Mr. Taxpayer's pocket-book."

State Sen. Dwight Burney, of Hartington, veteran state legislator, says the only answer he can see to Nebraska's financial ills "is the general sales tax." He added, "Our attempts to equalize the tax on property have helped very little."

Gov. Val Peterson, who hasn't held many news conferences since the election, staged a hum-dinger last week. Just back from civil defense meetings in Chicago, Ill., and an appearance before a congressional committee in Washington, the governor called for an immediate freeze on state building construction.

"The world situation being what it is," he said, "and with full mobilization for war just around the corner—and a very short corner at that—all of our manpower and material will have to be applied to winning the war."

The governor then asked the four departments which received money from I. I. mill building levy—the university, normal board, military department and board of control—to shelve projects on which construction had not actually started.

Response to the suggestion varied. Spokesmen for the board of control and the normal board applauded the idea. Gen. Guy N.

Henninger, state adjutant general, said the military department wasn't affected because it had put aside armory construction plans until after the emergency, anyway.

The only agency which had no comment was the University of Nebraska. Neither R. W. Devoe, chairman of the board of regents, nor Chancellor R. G. Gustavson had anything to say.

Surprisingly enough, the state president of the contractors' association, Simon Korsoj, of Omaha, approved the building ban. "Contractors would be much better off under the freeze," he said. "And there would be more efficient work, better workman and the contractors would make as much profit."

Meanwhile, Nebraska civil defense plans moved ahead. Edward Gillette, the retiring state treasurer who heads the state's civil defense organization, said the next step will be the organization of three to five "mobile support" units. Each would have about 500 persons and would be made up of doctors, nurses, firefighters, technicians, communications experts etc., Gillette said.

Ben J. Sallows, 62, veteran Nebraska newspaper publisher, died at his home in Alliance Sunday. He had been ill with leukemia for about two months. He published the Alliance Times-Herald until April 1, 1949. At the time of his death Sallows served as business management consultant for the state highway department. The post would have paid 6-thousand-dollars per year but Sallows refused to accept a salary.

## John Cearns Hurt in Auto Accident

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fryrear received word that their son-in-law, John Cearns, of Scottsbluff, had been "quite seriously" injured in a car accident. The Cearns are former residents near Amelia.

### Other Amelia News

Frank Taylor, who has been visiting at the Ralph Rees home left Saturday for Kentucky. He plans to work in Indiana for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milton, of Denver, Colo., returned to their home Tuesday, after a short visit with her father, H. S. White, and her brother, Glen White and family.

Glen White drove to McPherson, Kans., Thursday to bring his daughter, Glenice, home from school for the Christmas holidays. Leonard and Gaylord Luginland also returned with him and are visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Luginland, and Kenzie.

The Amelia boys won a basketball game Saturday night from Chambers by a score of 32-27.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Forbes entertained five couples at dinner Thursday evening. The dinner was sponsored by an aluminum company.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White entertained the following at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Ed White, Mrs. Julia White, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Barnett, H. S. White and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milton.

Miss Mary Lierman, a student in Chicago, Ill., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lierman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gertie Minahan sold her house to "Hap" Medcalf, of Chambers. Mr. Medcalf immedi-

ately moved the house to Chambers. Chas. Sigman bought the garage from Mr. Medcalf.

The Helping Hand club met Thursday, December 14, with 17 members and three visitors present. One visitor, Mrs. Bernard Blackmore, became a member. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Mae Sageser January 11.

The WSCS met with Mrs. Lew Backaus Wednesday, December 20. There were nine members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett entertained three other couples at a pinocle party Friday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fullerton, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fullerton.

Several people from this community attended the Christmas musical put on by the Atkinson high school Sunday. Among those attending were Mrs. George Fullerton, Mrs. Chas. Spath, Mrs. Asa Watson and family, Mrs. Gertie Adair, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Small and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fryrear and Mr. and Mrs. Orland Fryrear spent Sunday with M. and Mrs. Ernest Greenberg in Green Valley.

### EWING NEWS

The YM Pinocle club enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 12. Members attended a 6 o'clock dinner at the M & M cafe at O'Neill, followed by a social hour and an exchange of gifts, after which the group spent the evening at the Royal theater.

The Camp Fire Girls have planned a holiday party with the exchange of gifts at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Leland Welke. They will also present a Christmas basket to some person in Ewing, who will be chosen by vote.

Mrs. R. G. Rockey was hostess at her home to a Christmas party for the Past Matrons club, Order of the Eastern Star, on Friday afternoon. A large, beautifully-decorated Christmas tree and other decorations in the home added to the attractiveness. The afternoon was spent socially and gifts were exchanged. The hostess served a luncheon of tuna-alak-ing in toasted tulip shells, a salad of cottage cheese with fruit cocktail, angel food cake and ice cream with a Christmas design in the center. Favors were holly wreaths made of rice krispies, tied with a bow of red ribbon. Members present were: Mrs. Waldo Davis, Mrs. Ray Crellin, Mrs. William Spence, Mrs. M. H. Dierks, Mrs. William Conner, Mrs. Harriet Welke, Mrs. M. B. Huffman, Mrs. Henry Fleming, Mrs. A. A. Alden and Mrs. Sis Ebbengaard.

Mrs. Roy Green, of Cedar Rapids, left for her home on Friday after spending the week with her daughter and son-in-law, Coach and Mrs. James Pennington, and family.

Kenneth Kemnitz, Sharon and Lyle, of Wood, S. D., spent Thursday and Friday with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Larson.

Mrs. Ida Kemnitz, of Wood, S. D., and Harry Larson, of Alzada, Mont., are guests at the home of their brother, Benjamin Larson.

A trip to Stanton is planned by Mr. and Mrs. John Wunner on Christmas day where they will join relatives in a family party.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming, accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melbar, jr., will spend Christmas day at Plainview at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heater.

### Boyd Co-Op Pays 5 Percent Dividend

LYNCH — The Boyd County Farmers Union Co-Operative Gas and Oil company's annual meeting was held in the Legion hall in Bristow Thursday, December 14.

Free sandwiches, baked ham and coffee were served at noon. A \$12,000 increase in business was reported.

Five percent interest was paid to the stockholders.

E. F. Soukup, of Spencer, and Herman Landholm, of Bristow, were reelected to the board of directors for a term of two years.

Speakers for the afternoon were: W. W. Woods, of Omaha, member of the Farmers Union audit department; Wilbur Jenny, of Omaha, manager of the Farmers Union state exchange; George Nordine, of Omaha, of the state exchange machinery department; Fred Hage, of Omaha, of the Farmers Union creamery department; and Con Thorell, of Bristow, local manager of the gas and oil company at Bristow.

### Connell to Be Listed in 'Who's Who'

Richard A. Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Connell, of Sidney, formerly of O'Neill, was

included in the list of 10 Nebraska Wesleyan university students to be elected to appear in the 1950-'51 edition of "Who's Who in American Universities and

Colleges." Mr. Connell is a graduate of the O'Neill public school, with the class of 1947.

## BASKETBALL!

**Thursday, Dec. 28, 8 P. M.**

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The All Stars will be led by Bob Berigan, former St. Joe (Atkinson) all-stater and now a member of the University of St. Louis basketball team. Other performers will be Dean Keating (former Atkinson high star), now University of Colorado; Bob Mack (formerly St. Joe), now Wayne State; Bill Miller (formerly St. Joe), now Creighton university; Eddie Campbell (formerly St. Mary's), now Creighton university; Vic Faust (formerly St. Joe), now University of Nebraska; Pat Miller (formerly St. Joe, now Wayne State and playing manager, and Louis Wevel (former St. Joe and former St. Benedict college, Kans., star).

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